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### REMARKS

In the Office Action dated October 19, 2007, claims 1-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,190,495 (Lam).

It is respectfully submitted that amended independent claim 1 is not anticipated by Lam.

Claim 1 now recites a system including an imaging device having a light source, at least one sensor, and an imaging surface on which a transparency medium is to be placed. Moreover, claim 1 recites that the light source and the at least one sensor are positioned in the imaging device on a first side of the imaging surface. The system of claim 1 further includes a media adapter operatively associated with the imaging device, where the media adapter includes a first reflective surface and a second reflective surface arranged to shift light emitted by the light source to a predetermined focus point of the at least one sensor during an imaging operation, where the first and second reflective surfaces are positioned in the media adapter on a second, opposite side of the imaging surface.

The positioning of the light source and at least one sensor on a first side of an imaging surface, together with the positioning of first and second reflective surfaces on a second, opposite side of the imaging surface, is a concept that is clearly not disclosed by Lam. Lam teaches a flatbed scanner that is operated "for **reflective** scanning of an object placed on the platen 88 as shown in FIG. 5." Lam, 5:20-23 (emphasis added). Figure 5 of Lam shows the platen 88 on which an object to be reflectively scanned can be positioned. As further explained by Lam, the mirrors 52, 54, and 59 in the flatbed scanner "provide for the path of light **reflected** from the scanned material ...." Lam, 5:46-48. From Figure 5 of Lam, it is clear that the light source and sensor must be on the same side of the imaging surface (platen 88) as the mirrors 52, 54, 59, and 50. This is required since the flatbed scanner is used for **reflective** scanning of an object placed on the platen 88.

In contrast, claim 1 is directed to an imaging device for a transparency medium placed on an imaging surface of the imaging device. Scanning of such a transparency medium involves the positioning of the light source and at least one sensor on one side of the imaging surface, and the positioning of the first and second reflective surfaces on the second, opposite side of the imaging surface.

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In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is not anticipated by Lam.

Amended independent claim 19 is similarly allowable over Lam.

Independent claim 11 recites projecting light from a light source along a first axis onto a transparency image surface on which a transparency medium is positioned, where light that passes through the transparency imaging surface projects a transparency image. The method of claim 11 also includes reflecting, using a first reflective surface, the transparency image along a second axis substantially perpendicular to the first axis, and reflecting, using a second reflective surface, the reflected transparency image through the transparency image surface to at least one sensor.

Thus, according to claim 11, light from the light source passes through the transparency imaging surface to the first reflective surface, and light from the second reflective surface passes through the transparency imaging surface to the at least one sensor. The concept of passing light and a transparency image through a transparency imaging surface clearly is not contemplated by Lam, which teaches reflective scanning of an object placed on a platen 88.

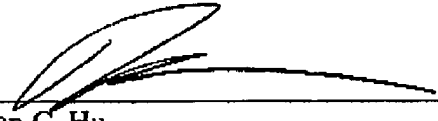
Therefore, claim 11 is also not anticipated by Lam.

Dependent claims, including newly added dependent claims 23-25, are also allowable for at least the same reasons.

Allowance of all claims is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2025 (200208312-1).

Respectfully submitted,

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